Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation

†1747. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Transport Department of Himachal Pradesh had made a request to his Ministry on 8th November, 2002 to set up a model training institute for giving driving training and carry out research on the land belonging to Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation at Jasoor in district Kangra in Himachal Pradesh and accordingly meeting was held in this regard in the Ministry on 20th December, 2002 in which the Ministry accorded tentative sanction to the said proposal, and

(b) if so, the further action taken thereon and by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Assistance for setting up of a Driver Training Institute at Jassur, Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh has been sanctioned on 6th August, 2004.

Four-laning of NH-31C

1748. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the proposal for four-laning of NH-31C on East-West corridor is opposed by the Ministry of Environment and Forest;

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether the matter has been discussed with the Ministry of Environment and Forests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K H MUNIAPPA): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forest has suggested to evaluate alternative alignment also of East-West corridor in West Bengal where the existing NH-31C passes through wild life sanctuaries and national parks.

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